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**SOUTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE  
HIGH INTENSITY DRUG TRAFFICKING AREA ("HIDTA") TASK FORCE**

**FEDERAL CHARGES IN NASHUA COCAINE RING  
INVESTIGATION OF THE "LATINO CLUB"**

**Re: United States v. Carlos Gonzales, Angel Gonzales, Luis Hernandez, Reinaldo "Ronny" Rodriguez,  
Angel Baez, and Juan Seary-Medina**

**CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE** -- United States Attorney Tom Colantuono, DEA Resident Agent in Charge Leo Ducey, and Nashua Police Chief Timothy Hefferan announced that the following individuals have been arrested or charged on federal cocaine distribution conspiracy charges:

- Carlos **GONZALEZ**, 45, last known address 34 Mulberry Street, Nashua;
- Angel **GONZALEZ**, 35, last known address 4 Gary Street, Nashua;
- Angel "Halo" **BAEZ**, 35, last known address 35 Ash Street, Nashua;
- Reinaldo "Ronnie" **RODRIGUEZ**, 56, last known address 42 Cross Street, Nashua;
- Luis "Chelo" **HERNANDEZ**, 35, last known address 56 Chestnut Street, Nashua;
- Juan Seary "Kiki" **MEDINA**, 35, address unknown.

According to an affidavit filed in support of a criminal complaint issued by U.S. Magistrate Judge James R. Muirhead on October 7, 2004, these individuals conspired to distribute cocaine as part of a loose organization based at the now-closed "Latino Club," a restaurant and nightclub once located at 7 Temple St. in Nashua. Depending on the quantities distributed by the various alleged co-conspirators and their respective criminal records, the defendants potentially face minimum penalties ranging from 5 to 10 years imprisonment, and maximum penalties ranging from 20 years to life imprisonment.

Carlos GONZALES, Angel GONZALES, Luis HERNANDEZ, and Reinaldo RODRIGUEZ made their initial appearances today before Judge Muirhead, who detained Carlos GONZALES, HERNANDEZ and RODRIGUEZ without bail pending indictment and trial. Angel GONZALES was released under behavioral conditions, and will be supervised by the U.S. Department of Probation pending indictment and trial.

The arrests resulted from a joint investigation conducted by the Nashua Police Department's Narcotics Intelligence Division and DEA's Southern New Hampshire HIDTA Task Force. The prosecution is being handled by Assistant United States Attorney Joseph N. Laplante, the Lead Attorney for the District of New Hampshire in the New England Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force ("New England OCDEF").

A criminal complaint is only an allegation and not proof of criminal conduct. As in all criminal cases, each defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.